

PROPOSAL EVALUATION
IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011

Applicant	Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation	County	Monterey, San Benito
		Grant Request	\$755,264.00
Project Title	Greater Monterey County IRWMP Update	Total Project Cost	\$1,150,164.00

Project Description This proposal would update the existing Salinas Valley IRWM Functionally Equivalent Plan to meet current IRWM Plan Standards. The update also would support the expansion of the former IRWM region, the Salinas Valley region, into the Greater Monterey County IRWM region.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	12
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	10
Budget	10
Program Preferences	6
Geographic Balance	0
Total Score	48

- **Work Plan** The work plan addresses the criterion, but is not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale. The proposal significantly upgrades and expands the Salinas IRWMP FEP. They have greatly expanded the partnerships, their outreach efforts, and have the key partners involved, which should lead to a well integrated plan. However, the proposal lacks a clear focus on the expected deliverables from their efforts and there is possible duplication of monitoring efforts that could occur.
- **DAC Involvement** The work plan provides tasks and clearly shows the process the applicant will use to facilitate and support DACs within the IRWM region. Eleven disadvantaged communities are identified. The DAC related sub-tasks are focused, concerted, and include a significant effort to create geographically representative stakeholder groups. The DAC effort is reinforced by the hiring of specific consultants to accomplish this task.
- **Schedule** The schedule is very detailed, well supported by facts, reasonable, consistent, and corresponds to the work tasks.
- **Budget** The budget for all the tasks in the proposal have detailed cost information. The costs are reasonable and thoroughly supported by documentation and references. The budget narrative provides details of funding matches and hourly rates.
- **Program Preference** The proposed IRWMP would implement six Program Preferences and Statewide Priorities. They are either proposed with this application or in the draft Greater Monterey County IRWM plan that also includes several implementation projects supporting some program preferences. The six identified Program Preferences/Statewide Preferences are: include regional projects or programs, address critical water supply/quality needs of DACs, climate change, ensure equitable distribution of benefits, improve tribal water and natural resources, and drought preparedness.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable